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**[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**

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To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

I would like to urge you not to drill for oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I have been doing trips up in this area for 20 plus years and can state that the Refuge is one of the last true wilderness areas left in the world. I can truly say that I have never been anywhere else like this place in my travels. The area where development would take is so environmentally sensitive. It is the critical calving grounds for the Porcupine herd, the denning habitat for polar bears and the home to hundreds of migratory bird species. I just don't believe that drilling could be done without impacting the wildlife and scaring the land. There are still scars and many signs of exploration up to the west of this area from decades ago.

Another factor that I believe is a critical issue is climate change. We Alaskans can see with our own eyes what is happening in this state because of warming issues. It's time we started to invest more in alternative energy methods. This whole process has been pushed through in a very deceiving way and all under the auspices of achieving energy dominance which is a joke.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Sincerely,

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